

# REPORT

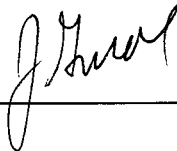
**DATE:** March 2, 2006

**TO:** Transportation and Communications Committee

**FROM:** Bob Huddy, Senior Transportation Planner, 213-236-1972

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED STUDY OF A TUNNEL OPTION TO COMPLETE THE 710 GAP CLOSURE

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



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## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution of Support for Continued Study of a Tunnel Option to Complete the 710 Gap Closure.

## SUMMARY:

In response to a request from the City of South Pasadena, seeking amendment of the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to provide for a tunnel option to complete the 710 Gap Closure, between Valley Blvd. in the City of Los Angeles and California Blvd. in the City of Pasadena, staff has prepared a resolution (attached). The resolution notes that SCAG continues support for the planning efforts to determine the feasibility of the tunnel option, and resolves that the Executive Director shall, upon completion of the study, present to the Regional Council, such amendments and/or changes in subsequent Regional Transportation Plans, as may be appropriate.

## BACKGROUND:

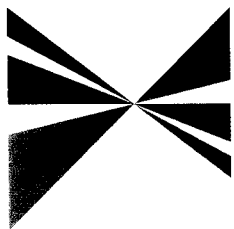
SCAG has received a letter from the City of South Pasadena seeking amendment of the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to provide for a tunnel option to complete the 710 Gap Closure, between Valley Blvd. in the City of Los Angeles and California Blvd. in the City of Pasadena. In the 2004 RTP the 710 Gap Closure is identified as 3 mixed flow lanes and 1 HOV lane in each direction from Valley Blvd. in the City of Los Angeles and California Blvd. in the City of Pasadena. Currently LACMTA is conducting a Tunnel Feasibility Study to determine if that option should be considered as a means of completing the 710 Gap Closure. This study is expected to be completed in April 2006. Staff have reviewed the request and prepared the attached resolution.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

No additional fiscal impact to SCAG.

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RESOLUTION NO. 06-472-5  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED STUDY OF TUNNEL  
OPTIONS  
TO COMPLETE THE 710 GAP CLOSURE

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2004 Regional Transportation Plan recognizes the need for and includes the Route 710 Gap Closure between Valley Blvd. in the City of Los Angeles and California Blvd. in the City of Pasadena; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Pasadena has requested that SCAG consider amendment of the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to provide for a tunnel option for completion of this project, which is expected to be completed in April 2006 ; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is conducting a study to determine the feasibility of a tunnel for consideration as a design option for the completion of the 710 Gap Closure; and

WHEREAS, SCAG is participating in the study of the 710 Gap Closure tunnel options, along with Caltrans, the City of Alhambra, the City of La Canada-Flintridge, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Pasadena, the City of San Marino, and the City of South Pasadena; and

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments will continue to support and participate in the analysis of the 710 Tunnel alternative as a means of completing the Gap Closure identified in the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall, upon completion of the study, present to the Regional Council for consideration such amendments and/or changes in subsequent Regional Transportation Plans, as may be appropriate.

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Toni Young, President  
Councilmember,  
City of Port Hueneme

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Mark Pisano,  
Executive Director

Attest:

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Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel